

case and wherein interposed between the case and the winding radially relative to an axis of the stator.

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14. (Amended). An alternator according to claim 1, wherein the insulating element is interposed between the case and the winding axially relative to an axis of the stator.

16. (Amended). An alternator according to claim 1, wherein the insulating element extends in register with an inner side face of the winding.

27. (Amended). An alternator comprising:  
a case having at least one orifice;  
a stator positioned within the case, the stator defining a stator axis;  
a winding wound on the stator;  
an insulating element interposed, radially relative to the stator axis, between the case and the winding, the insulating element having a first indexing portion enabling an angular position of the stator around the stator axis to be identified, the first indexing portion including a stud; and  
at least one duct extending from the insulating element through an orifice in the case, and wherein the case has a second indexing portion having a groove suitable for co-operating with the indexing portion of the insulating element.

30. (Amended). An alternator comprising:  
a case having at least one orifice;  
a stator positioned within the case, the stator defining a stator axis;  
a winding wound on the stator;

an insulating element interposed, radially relative to the stator axis, between the case and the winding;

at least one duct extending from an inside face of the insulating element along the stator axis through an orifice in the case; and

at least one live wire twisted lead of the winding received by the at least one duct, wherein the twisted lead are offset so as to project from the winding in a radial direction towards the stator axis.

Please cancel claims 32 and 33 without prejudice or disclaimer.

34. (Amended). An alternator comprising:

a case;

a stator winding; and

an electrically-insulating element interposed between the case and the winding, the insulating element being an annular body mounted on the case, the insulating element having at least one duct extending through an orifice in the case,

wherein the winding further comprises an arched twisted lead.

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 13-17 and 21-34 were pending in this application. During an August 30, 2002 teleconference, the Examiner confirmed the status of claims 21-26 as being allowed, and not being subject to a restriction/election requirement. This cleared up an inconsistency